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Fort Benning—The 199th Light Infantry Brigade Association will dedicate its new memorial monument on Sacrifice Field in front of the National Infantry Museum on Monday, July 4 at 9 a.m.

During the Vietnam War the 199th Light Infantry Brigade's responsibility was to secure the main infiltration routes into and around Saigon, Long Binh, and Bien Hoa. The unit's special training in counter intelligence help turn the tide of the TET offensive in 1968. For a unit rapidly formed without proper training, the courage and spirit of the men who filled the ranks of the 199th Light Infantry Brigade helped stop the 274 & 275 Viet Cong regiments dead in their tracks during TET 68. The unit's importance in the defense of Long Binh, Bien Hoa, and Saigon earned it the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry, the Valorous Unit Award, and the Presidential Unit Citation.

After the TET offensive, the Brigade was enhanced with the addition of another infantry unit, the 5th Battalion 12th Infantry activated at Ft. Lewis, Wa., and assigned to the 199th Light Infantry Brigade April 7th, 1968.

After four years in Vietnam the unit was transferred to Fort Benning to have their colors re-furled and was inactivated in 1970.

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